



Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - Friday 26th June 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our children and young people have coped tremendously well in the heat this week and have enjoyed lots of water play around shady areas in school to help keep them cool! A number of measures have been put in place including all classrooms being equipped with fans, and alternative trips arranged. We have been following closely all guidance received from the Met Office and Local Authorities to help keep all our pupils safe.

With the weather breaking at the weekend and temperatures cooling down a little we are planning to hold our Sports Days next week. We hope you will be able to join us and cheer us all on!

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class have coped very well this week and have enjoyed lots of water play activities to help keep cool. They had the opportunity to splash in the paddling pools on Thursday which was a real highlight for them. During our fine motor session, the children used coloured water to decorate the rainbow fish and in Literacy they played an 'I spy' game using a variety of objects and went fishing for different letters. The children had a lovely trip to The Range in Reigate, and looked at all the different seeds that were for sale. In maths, we used Russian dolls and different sized boxes with objects to explore the concepts big and small.

Meadow Class have dealt with the heat wave extremely well. They enjoyed carrying out some cool activities in the classroom including water play, sensory time and playing science games. They also enjoyed carrying out some more activities based on our topic of "Summer Fun". The class enjoyed a trip to meet the meerkats in Brockham-on-the-Green on Monday and a trip to Dorking Leisure Centre to go swimming on Tuesday.

Peacock Class have had an exciting week, starting with a trip to see Meerkats in Brockham, watching them dig and burrow into their holes. I think the meerkats were as interested in us as we were in them as they followed us as we moved around! Our bowling trip on Wednesday was a refreshing break as it had amazing air conditioning! Along with the games, we had yummy pizza and a visit to IKEA to look at the wild animal toys and have an ice cream in the cafe. It was fabulous to see how each student developed their bowling techniques throughout the morning and playing 'I-Spy' with the stuffed toys hidden round the IKEA store was great fun. The end of the week was all about keeping as cool as possible. We enjoyed ice pops and water balloons, paddling in the pools and icy water play in the classroom.

Reminders & Requests

Just a reminder that we will be holding **Sports Days** next week, **Primary** on Monday 29th June from 1.45pm and **Secondary** will be held on Wednesday 1st July from 2pm.

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class have been in good spirits despite the heat, and have tried to stay cool where possible which included a water fight outside with Admiral Class! On Monday, we enjoyed our tennis session and were thankful for the cool breeze. Those that went did some great practice, really showcasing the skills that they have developed over the weeks. During Food Tech this week, we made fruit salad ice lollies with diced strawberries, blackberries and mango. We all very much enjoyed the following day. While the heat was still manageable, we continued to work on our English topic of Dinosaurs and finished our Science topic of Plants. We will now be moving on to Fossils as it ties in quite nicely into our Dinosaurs topic. To help deal with the heat, we have been drinking plenty of water, enjoyed some lovely ice lollies and had water play sessions in the shade.

Monarch Class have coped brilliantly in this week's heat and we are incredibly proud of them. We have adapted our activities throughout the week, focusing on lots of calm, relaxing tasks and finding ways to stay as cool as possible. Earlier in the week, the children worked hard during their phonics sessions and also had their class and school photographs taken. On Tuesday, we enjoyed a trip to Ryka's Cafe, where the children enjoyed an ice cream treat in the shade of the trees. Wednesday was filled with creative craft and making activities linked to our topic, and yesterday we had a fantastic trip to go bowling—which everyone enjoyed, especially the air conditioning! We rounded off the day with a relaxing DVD in the afternoon.

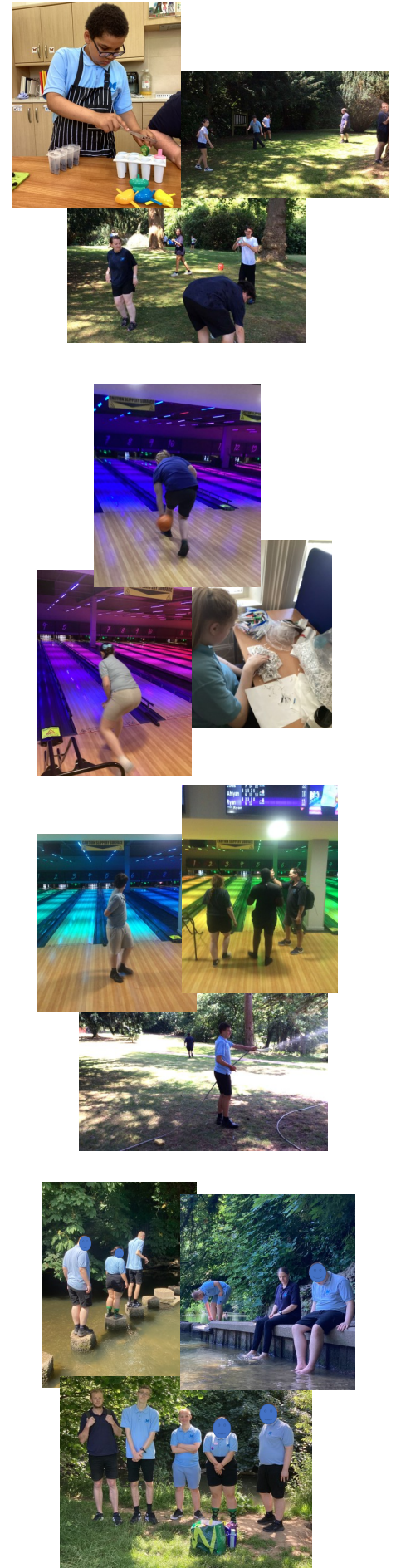
Admiral Class discussed 'Pride' in our assembly this week and what it means to different people and how to celebrate. Within our topic of migration, some pupils learnt the reason why some animals migrate. We enjoyed a trip to Ten Pin Bowling this week and everyone had a great time. With the weather being hot we have enjoyed water play around the grounds which has been a welcome break and helped to keep everyone cool.

Emperor Class has had a very hot week! Everyone has struggled a bit with the heatwave but coped very well and we found some lovely ways to keep as cool as possible. We took a trip to Box Hill stepping stones to paddle our feet in the water on Monday, and on Tuesday it was a great relief to go swimming. We were incredibly proud of Yara and Thomas for gaining medals and certificates - Yara for swimming 400 metres and Thomas for swimming 800 metres - a huge well done!



Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar Class** Jaxson for "participating in the I spy game, finding and matching objects."
- Meadow Class** Logan for "coping well in the heat and enjoying lots of activities."
- Peacock Class** Jamie for "trying hard lifting, carrying and throwing heavy bowling balls."
- Swallowtail Class** Logan for "being brave and engaging in water play with cold water."

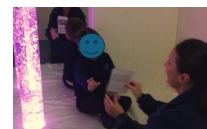


There were no Primary birthdays this week.

Therapy

Teddy has been doing very well in his speech and language therapy sessions. He is now consistently using visuals to choose his favourite songs. He also joined in with the actions: clapped his hands and stomped his feet. Well done, Teddy!

Monika Persechino (Speech and Language Therapy Assistant Practitioner)



Our Makaton Star of the Week is Tiana from Meadow Class. She guessed the sign without even needing a clue! Well done, Tiana! The sign this week was very topical: "hot"

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Well done to Jack for creating stories to help express himself, using character drawings and play. *Keith Waterman (Art Therapist)*

Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Summer Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. There will not be an assembly next week due to Primary Sports Day.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	29th June	1.30pm	Primary Sports Day
Wednesday	1st July	1.50pm	Secondary Sports Day
Monday	6th July	3.30-7pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday	16th July	All day	Papillon Summer Fun Day
Monday	20th July	am	Transition morning
Monday	20th July	5-7.30pm	Papillon Family BBQ
Tuesday	21st July	3pm	End of Summer Term 2
Thursday	3rd September	9.25am	Start of Autumn Term

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"Me and the children
are melting away!"
Tommie - Meadow Class

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